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BPL Specter Lends Additional Significance To Spectrum Protection Act

from *The ARRL Letter* – ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, says the specter of interference to Amateur Radio bands from Broadband over Power Line (BPL)

systems — if and when they are widely deployed — serves as a reminder of the importance of the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003. While the legislation would not grant added protection from BPL beyond what present and proposed FCC regulations would provide, Haynie said the challenge of BPL underscores the value of Amateur Radio's spectrum allocations and the degree to which amateur access deserves protection. Identical House and Senate versions of the measure, an ARRL initiative, are on their third try in Congress. The cosponsor count on the House bill, HR 713, this week rose to 94 — more than double the number six months ago. The Senate version, S 537, has eight cosponsors.

“With BPL on the horizon, it becomes even more important that we all get behind these bills and get them enacted,” Haynie said this week. He reiterated his call for more League members to take the effort to write, call or e-mail their representatives and senators to explain

the bills' importance and encourage them to consider cosponsoring the measures. “They cover all of our spectrum, not just a little,” he added.

The Spectrum Protection Act bills would require the FCC to provide “equivalent replacement spectrum” to Amateur Radio if the Commission were to reallocate primary amateur frequencies, reduce any secondary amateur allocations, or make additional allocations within such bands that would substantially reduce their utility to amateurs.

The two bills do not directly address BPL interference. FCC rules already provide regulatory mechanisms in Part 15 and in proposed amendments to Part 15 that are specifically aimed at BPL “interference mitigation.”

Among the latest House cosponsors to sign aboard HR 713 are Representatives John Conyers (D-MI), Shelley Berkley (D-NV), Susan Davis (R-CA), Charlie Norwood (R-GA), Norm Dicks (D-WA), Gene Taylor (D-MS), Tim Holden (D-PA), Danny Davis (D-IL), Gene Green (D-TX) and Jeff Miller (R-FL).

Haynie says letters from constituents are a crucial factor in getting the spectrum bills through Congress.

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President's Corner



Another month has come and gone and Spring is finally here. It was none too soon either, because everyone seemed to be ready for a season change.

I want to give a big "thank you" to Steve, WB9ZIY, for his help planning the March general meeting. For those that did not make it to the meeting, we had a friendly emergency preparedness competition. There were at least a dozen people who brought an emergency preparedness setup to show to the rest of the club. There were examples of setups with rigs, portable antenna, and emergency power sources. There were certificates for first and second place in each of the three categories. We had a great turnout for a chance to look at all the "stuff". Thanks to everyone who participated; it was a great night.

Looking ahead at the 2004 calendar, we have a lot of activities coming up. The April general meeting will be Friday April 16th at 7:00 PM at the church. The details of the meeting are still being finalized. April 24th, the last Saturday in April, will be a one-day entry-level Technician Class study session at the Boy Scout office off West Jefferson. We will plan on starting by 9:00 AM and run until we are done. We will use the Gordon West study book. Let one of the board members know if you have someone interested in attending.

May 1st, the first Saturday in May, will be the W5YI test session, which will also be held at the Boy Scout office. They will take "check ins" from 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM. The month of May will bring us the Dayton Hamvention May 14th through the 16th. The May general meeting will be the annual Spring Banquet at the church on the 21st at 6:30 PM. We will again have a "carry in" and we will be letting you know about the entertainment.

In June we have the general meeting on the 18th

and we will be finalizing the details for Field Day. We will again be at the Girl Scout Camp. We will do QRP night on Friday the 25th with Field Day the 26th and 27th. I am again looking forward to that weekend. I have already had a number of "new comers" tell me they will be at the camp for Field Day this year. If you haven't been for a while you will want to come out and join us. And don't forget the Hog Roast Saturday evening.

The July general meeting will be on the 16th. The August general meeting is scheduled for Friday the 20th. We are again planning to do our tailgate hamfest. Also in August will be the chicken barbecue fund-raiser. The fund-raiser will be Saturday the 28th. This year we will be at the Wal-Mart at the Coldwater Crossing shopping center. We made money and learned a lot last year and we will be even more successful this year.

Stay involved and see you at the meeting on the 16th.

Tom / N9TB

April Meeting:
Fri, April 16, 2004, 7:00 PM,
Program: TBA



Pictures from the March Meeting



FWRC March Minutes

The March 2004 general meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was called to order by president Tom Baker, N9TB, at 7:30 PM, on the 19th. The Fundraiser, another Nelson's chicken sale, was the first item to be discussed. It will be held on August 28th at the Wal-Mart on Coldwater Road.

There was no FoxHunt report for March. April 5th is the date for the next FoxHunt to be held.

Field Day plans were moving forward for the sixth year at the McMillen Girl Scout camp, but we had not been able to "lock in" the lodge at this time.

We also had no solid plans for the Diabetes Walk-a-thon at this time. Wayne, KB9OZH, was going to look into this matter.

Tom thanked those (Carole and Al) who participated in the TV39 fund raiser as phone volunteers

Tom announced that on April 24th, the club was holding a one-day Technician class training event at the Boy Scout office. This was to be followed by a test session on week later on May 1st, also at the Boy Scout facility.

The FWRC Spring banquet was also announced for the May meeting on May 21st, one week after the Dayton Hamfest.

The treasurer's report followed, after this the business meeting was adjourned.

The presentation was our first Emergency Preparedness Competition. We had 27 people present, and a wide array of ideas for operations under less than ideal conditions.

73, Steve, WB9ZIY



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President's Message



It is April, and that means it is time for our Spring Banquet. It will be at Ryan's Steakhouse on April 20th, and Start at 7:00 PM. See the article on this month's activity for all the details. In May, our program will be on Digital Cameras. It will be given by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH. If you have been thinking about buying a digital camera, be sure to attend this meeting. You can find out how digital cameras work and what all those terms you hear about mean. Also the difference between digital and film.

I went to the Maumee Hamfest a few weeks ago, and it seems to have gotten smaller than last year. This seems to be true of a lot of Hamfests. We are still holding steady. Of course I am talking more about the number of vendors at the Hamfests. Attendance is also down. Our attendance was down a little last year, but still better than most other Hamfests. I bought a new toy at Maumee. I now own a YAESU VX-5. It is a very small, three band HT. It covers 2 m, 6 m, and 440. It also has general coverage, and will scan the various bands it covers. The coverage is from 0.5 to 999 MHz. The power output is 5 watts on 2 m and 6 m, and 4.5 watts on 440. It is powered by a 7.2 volt lithium ion battery.

Computer man had another strange occurrence with his computer. I received a "unable to deliver message" from a e-mail I never sent. The return message had an attachment with it. Since I never sent it, I deleted the message. The strange thing about it is that the return mail was from someone in my address book. There was no record in my sent messages folder. It appears that a virus invaded my address

book and sent the same message to everyone listed. It puts your name in the from field so that recipients will trust it and open it. All this happens without your knowing it. The only way is if someone asks you about the e-mail. Fortunately, everyone who got it just deleted it. I have not heard of any problems yet.

Well, that's all for this month. See you at the Spring Banquet.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV



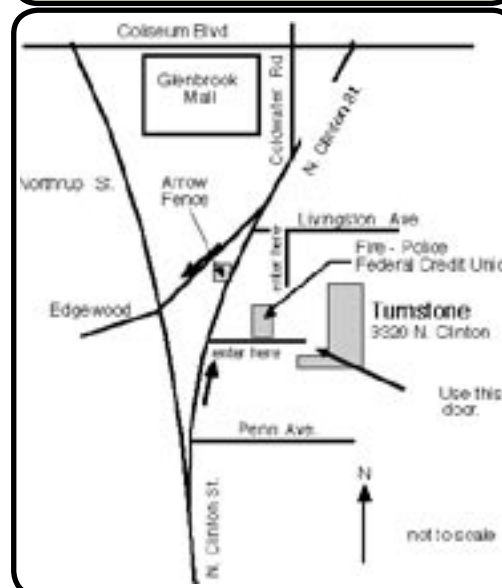
Meeting Schedule

All meetings are at 7:30 PM at Turnstone unless otherwise noted.

ACARTS Spring Banquet: Tue, April 20, Ryan's Steakhouse on N. Clinton

Next Board Meeting: 4/13/04

All members are encouraged to attend.





March 2004 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic stated that he had contacted the Salvation Army about using their facility on North Clinton Street as the club meeting place. They have several rooms that can be used for large and small groups and could possibly provide space for the club station. Use of the facility would have to be approved by the local Salvation Army board so that the club could have access to the building after hours. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Jim, KB9IH, to move the club meetings to the Salvation Army in May if board approval can be obtained. The motion was seconded by Howard, N9ADS, and approved by a voice vote.

Vic said that he would make arrangements for the club spring banquet to be held at Ryan's on Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

Howard, N9ADS, said that he was making the \$150.00 donation to the Community Harvest Food Bank so that they could get matching funds.

Jim, KB9IH, said that he would bring a video from the Mechanical Universe series for the March program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

ACARTS Spring Banquet

The April program is our Spring Banquet. It will be on Tuesday, April 20th. It will be held at Ryan's Steakhouse on North Clinton, next to Scott's. We will start at 7:00 PM. Send a e-mail to Vic Berko at vberko@comcast.net, or call 747-0938 and leave a message if you plan to attend, and the number attending. The club will cover the cost of the meal for all paid members.

ACARTS needs YOU!

ACARTS is looking for people to fill 2 key positions:

Secretary

Activities Manager

Call any board member to apply.

March 2004 ACARTS General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic stated that he had toured the Salvation Army building and described the facilities. He said that the site would be a good location for future club meetings. Use of the building requires approval from the local Salvation Army board so that the club can have access after hours.

Jim, KB9IH, showed a video from the Mechanical Universe series on Andre Marie Ampere and his research and experiments on the relationship between electrical current and magnetism.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

Spectrum Protection, Cont'd. from page 1

"We can't get them into law without membership support," he said.

He urged members to contact their senators and representatives through their Washington or district offices. A sample letter on ARRL's The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003 Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/arspa.html>> cites Amateur Radio's role in public service activities, but Haynie invites members to personalize their own correspondence as they see fit.

The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003 Web page also contains information on how to identify and contact individual members of Congress as well as links to the Thomas Web site <<http://thomas.loc.gov/>>. Among other things, the Thomas Web site includes links to the bills' text and a list of cosponsors. Those writing their lawmakers on behalf of the Spectrum Protection Act are asked to copy their correspondence to the League via e-mail <specbill03@arrl.org>.

Florida Republican Michael Bilirakis filed HR 713 in February 2003, and it has been referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. Introduced by Idaho Republican Michael Crapo, S 537 has been referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

FWDXA

Ft Wayne DX Association

IARU Project Goodwill Albania 2003

Part 4 - Saying Our Goodbyes and a Whirlwind Tour of

Rome — Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

I have to admit it was sad to say goodbye to the students after the Friday class. We had a great time with them, and in a way they made our teaching effort very easy. We wrote our e-mail addresses on the white board, and we hope to hear from some of them in the future.

On Friday evening we were the guests of the University faculty for dinner. Martti OH2BH was there, along with Pertti OH2PM (another one of the core organizers of this project). Everyone agreed that this week was a resounding success.

On Saturday we took a taxi to the airport, and we were off to Rome. We planned to stay the night in Rome, so we didn't do much flying Saturday. Prior to coming to Albania, I had contacted Sante IK0HBN. He picked us up at our hotel in Rome, and off we went to dinner. We ate at the restaurant owned by Claudio IK0XCB and his wife. It was a fabulous small Italian family restaurant, with garden-grown vegetables. We ate way too much - but darn, it was good!

After dinner, Sante drove us to the Vatican. We walked off some of the food (thank goodness) in St. Peter's Square, and visited the Coliseum and several other sites in Rome. We also saw where people operate from when they're HV and we saw where 1A0KM is. We returned to our hotel around midnight.

We were up at 4 AM Sunday morning to get to the

airport to catch our 7 AM Air France flight to Paris. Everything went smooth (in spite of the Istanbul bombing a couple days earlier), and soon we were on our Air France flight from Paris to Cincinnati. We had a good head wind, and our flight took just over 10 hours. As a result, we missed our 3PM Delta flight to Ft Wayne. We took advantage of that by having a quick meal in the Cincinnati airport while we waited for the 5:45PM flight. Heidi (our Miniature Schnauzer) was very happy to have us home after being away for nine days. Our oldest son David took care of her while we were gone, but he's no match for us!

The end result of the project was 39 new ZA hams. Martti also started a donation drive, and I'm happy to report that many have pledged to donate their older rigs to enable the new ZA hams to get on the air (there's also a University station being set up). We hope to someday talk to some of them on the air. Personally this was a very satisfying trip for me. It involved amateur radio, but not the usual "go somewhere and play radio all day" endeavor.



Callsign Information the Easy Way

Reprinted with permission from Jan. 04 *"The Sprit of '76 and '88"* of Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association.

Do you ever lookup a lot of callsigns? Maybe after a contest or a busy night on the air? Maybe you do verifications for some club activity? Do you do something like sit on-line at the computer and key each callsign into QRZ.com, wait for the information to display and then print it and then enter the next callsign on your list? If so, then keep reading.

Not long ago another ham on one of the Yahoo groups I subscribe to made an off-handed comment about a feature of the QRZ.com web site. He said, "Send an e-mail to 'lookup@qrz.com'. Make the subject 'lookup' and on the first line of the message body, type 'lookup callsign' (replacing callsign with the callsign I wanted to lookup up). If you want to do more than one, place each callsign on a separate line preceding it with the word lookup. In a little while", he continued, "you will get an automatic e-mail reply with the call's information or a message saying it was not found."

I went to the QRZ web site and looked around. I could not find anything on the site that explained how to use this feature. I couldn't even find anything to even show it existed! So I tried sending an e-mail anyway. To my surprise, it worked!

About five minutes after sending the e-mail I got a reply. In it was the callsign information. Included were call, full name of the licensee, address, country, six-letter grid locator, latitude/longitude coordinates, license class, date issued, expiration date, licensee date of birth, license number, e-mail address and home page. It even had the station's QSL Manager if they had one!

This was cool! I tried it a few more times. In one of these e-mails I forgot to put the word 'lookup' in front of the callsigns I wanted to look up. The e-mail reply I received said that the QRZ Callsign Server could not understand my request and went on to explain how to use the automated callsign server.

In brief, it repeated what the other ham had told me. It went on to say that the callsigns being looked up should not have any punctuation marks in them such as KA8VIT/P and that upper and lowercase letters were treated the same.

I often e-mail stations I heard but did not work with signal reports or other comments. I also like to send

unofficial e-QSLs to stations I do work if they have an e-mail address listed on QRZ or the ARRL. Many of these "contacts" have developed into good friendships.



Next time you need to lookup a call, give this a try!
- 73 de KA8VIT.

Exam Location Change

The Fort Wayne VE Team has had to change location for our test sessions. Until further notice we will be holding all exam sessions at the Boy Scout Headquarters building. One advantage to the change is that we will be able to reinstate our 9:00 a.m. start time. A typical listing should read as follows:

01 - May - 2004
Sponsor: Fort Wayne VE Team
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Contact: William C. Hall
(260) 485 - 3995
wd9hii@arrl.net
VEC: W5YI
Location: Boy Scout Headquarters
8315 W. Jefferson Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Note that this change will also apply to our sessions scheduled for 07 - August - 2004 and 06 - November - 2004. Would appreciate your posting to your database as soon as possible.

73, Bill Hall, WD9HII

SWR Changes With The Weather

Ice or heavy sticky snow that sticks to the radiator and traps will cause the resonant frequency to shift lower, due to a fatter radiator. If your antenna is ground mounted and you have only a few radials then in wet weather ground conductivity may change. and therefore VSWR will change as soil conductivity varies. Any cracked, torn or wrong size plastic caps on the top of traps will allow moisture in, affecting the resonant frequency. Putting any type of sealant on the top of the traps will likely detune them and create voltage break-down problems since the top of the trap is a high voltage point. (From a CushCraft note)

New Amateur Radio LF World Record Claimed

from *The ARRL Letter* – Amateur stations in New Zealand and Asiatic Russia are laying claim to a new low-frequency world distance QSO record. Bob Vernall, ZL2CA, told ARRL this week that ZM2E, near Wellington, New Zealand, and UA0LE, near Vladivostok, Russia, completed a two-way contact during the night of March 20 on 137.70 kHz.

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“The path length is estimated to be 10,311 km (6,392 miles), which is claimed as a new world record between amateur stations on LF bands,” Vernall said. “For several hours signals received at ZM2E were so strong that they could be decoded ‘by ear,’ despite high peaks of QRN.” By noting tone-on and tone-off times and checking them against a highly-accurate digital clock,

the ZM2E operators at one point were able to decode the very slow-speed (QRSS) CW without resorting to Argo DSP software signal detection.

The Wellington Amateur Radio Club station at Quartz Hill uses the special ZM2E call sign for work in the 136-kHz band. A DXpedition station, UA0LE obtained permission to support its LF antennas from a 90-meter (295.3 feet) broadcast mast.

Vernall said UA0LE set up for a slow-speed CW beacon transmission on 137.7895 kHz using 60-second dits—known as QRSS60. “They used the shortened form of ‘UATLE’ to save time in sending,” he explained. Because they need to be succinct, Vernall said, LF DX signal reports use the same “O,” “M” and “T” signal reports <<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/pdf/78518.pdf>> developed for moonbounce and other weak-signal communication.

On the big day, ZM2E started calling UA0LE at 0930 UTC—sunset in Vladivostok. The first good UA0LE signals showed up on the computer screen at 1030 UTC, Vernall said.

The defining moment came when UA0LE confirmed reception of the “O” report from ZM2E. “At 1650 UTC, we received ‘ZM RO E,’ and by acknowledging our report to them it satisfied the minimum requirements for claiming a two-way contact,” Vernall said. The two stations continued to “tie the ribbons” on the QSO for another hour or so.

Vernall and Andrew Corney, ZL2BBJ, were the operators at ZM2E. The operators in Vladivostok were Vlad Burakov, UA0LE; Vic Bondarev, UA9OC; Andy Rodichev, RA0LGH, and Ed Lesnichy, RU6LA.

Silent Keys

James A. Norton I [W9KFT], 79, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Mar. 6, 2004, Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Born Feb. 12, 1925, in Fort Wayne, he retired in 1987 from Motorola Corporation. He had also been a bus driver for Fort Wayne Transit and a Allen County Deputy Sheriff. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a member of V.F.W. Post 857, Ham Radio Operators Club, Amateur Radio Relay League and U.S.S. Columbia Association. Surviving are his son, James A. Norton II of Indianapolis; daughters, Judy Norton of Bell Air, Md., Julie Nichols of Prospect Park, Pa., Stephanie Iehl and Patricia Parnin, both of Fort Wayne, Cheryl Pequignot and Mary Batty, both of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Phyllis Peters of Spencerville, Gloria Knepper, Bettylou Worman and June Snyder, all of Fort Wayne; and friend, Phyllis Thompson of Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Mildred (Baals) Norton Sr.; brother, Harold Norton Jr. (W9PRO); and sisters, Mildred Roberts and Florence Norton. Service is 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with visitation from 11 a.m. until time of service Wednesday. Burial at Covington Memorial Gardens. Memorials to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

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From: Indiana Section News for February 2004 – Condolances to the Family and Friends of these amateurs who became a Silent Key during February:

Gary Reece WB9UYT of Fort Wayne, Feb 16; **Charles Cook W9TDU** of Fort Wayne, Feb 21; **Granville Foster KB9JJD** of Richmond, Feb 29. They will be missed.

Gary was a member of Fort Wayne Radio Club.

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Stephen A. Loeschner [WA9RJN], 53, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004. Arrangements by Northeast Indiana Cremation Society. Published in the Fort Wayne Newspapers on 3/27/2004.

Steve was a member of Fort Wayne Radio Club and a former member of ACARTS.

Military Appreciation Month

To Whom It May Concern:

Hi, and best wishes from Ft. Wayne. May has been named Military Appreciation Month by the U.S. Congress. As you may be aware I was the mgr. for the Ft. Wayne, IN. and National Rally For America Amateur Radio Special Event station setup held in West Virginia. The purpose of the Special Event was to have Amateur Radio operators contact military personnel around the globe to show America's support for our young men and women in uniform. The event was a huge success.

We are attempting to hold another special event this year on May 29, 2004 that will involve all Ham's who would like to contact troops and others involved in Military Service, and to show our support once again. What we would like to do is have all Amateur Radio Clubs and operators in the United States and around the world set up stations in a shopping mall or public park or other public area where many people may gather, and contact military members and veterans world wide for approx. 4 to 6 hours. We would also allow the general public that is gathered at these locations express appreciation to military people worldwide using HF, VHF, UHF and Echolink and IRLP. Please pass this email on to as many Clubs and Ham Radio people as possible so that we can receive feedback and to get the word out to as many military bases and personnel as possible so that they can participate.

We would like to have Amateur Radio bulletin boards, publications, and Internet sites post this information and provide feedback.

We here at Ft. Wayne, IN. as members of the Ft. Wayne

Radio Club, and ACARTS support the idea, and would love to have Amateur Operators join us in this endeavor to help show support to our troops, and their families. We could have family members of military personnel speak third party via Ham Radio to our troops along with anyone wishing to talk that may be at the location where a radio station is set up. This would be a great morale booster for us at home, and for our military personnel.

Please join us in this activity and submit any ideas to KB9IBW / Emery McClendon; Special Event manager, via email at kb9ibw@netzero.com.

Thank you in advance and let's show the world what Amateur Radio can do on this Special day. Other information will be posted as the Event progresses, and we move forward with planning. Our troops have expressed a desire for this type of support, and Amateur Radio could really be a great opportunity to show the world what our hobby can do for public service. Please spread the word and join in with us for this very special event which we have named ARMAD - Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day.

Thank you!

God Bless America & God Bless Our Troops!

Emery / KB9IBW

PS: Anyone wishing to operate during the event from the setup sites please contact KB9IBW at the above email address or contact me on the 146.880 IMO Net. I can also be reached on the 145.330 or 145.700 Echolink frequency.



Regional Hamfests

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Phone</u>	<u>URL or E-mail</u>
17 Apr 2004	Highland, MI	810-632-5174	http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk
18 Apr 2004	Cuyahoga Falls, OH	330-688-2013	http://www.cfarc.org
2 May 2004	Sandwich, IL	815-754-2558	http://www.qsl.net/wa9cjin
14-16 May 2004	Dayton, OH	937-276-6930	http://www.hamvention.org/
6 Jun 2004	Wabash, IN	talk-in: 147.03(+)	
20 Jun 2004	Monroe, MI	734-242-9487	http://mcrca.org/hamfest.htm
10 Jul 2004	Indianapolis, IN	317-261-6658	http://www.indyhamfest.com/ (new location)
24 Jul 2004	Cincinnati, OH	513-251-1555	http://www.ohkyin.org

For more complete information go to <http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm> or <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>



Test Points

08-Apr-2004
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: LYLE L LONG
 (574)875-8455

Email: N1LL@JUNO.COM
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER
 HOMAN BUILDING
 GREENCROFT BLVD
 GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CTR
 GOSHEN, IN 46525

01-May-2004
 Sponsor: FORT WAYNE VE TEAM
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: WILLIAM C HALL
 (260)485-3995
 Email: WD9HII@ARRL.NET
 VEC: W5YI VEC
 Location: BOY SCOUT HEADQUARTERS
 8315 W JEFFERSON BLVD
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

22-May-2004
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: ROBERT E HIGH
 (419)795-5763
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: EMA BLDG
 1220 LINCOLN HWY
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

08-Jul-2004
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: LYLE L LONG
 (574)875-8455
 Email: N1LL@JUNO.COM
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER
 HOMAN BUILDING
 GREENCROFT BLVD
 GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CTR
 GOSHEN, IN 46525

18-Jul-2004
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED
 Time: 9:30 AM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: ROBERT E HIGH
 (419)795-5763
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 1055 S WASHINGTON ST

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

[Also see the article from the Fort Wayne VE Teamon pg. 7]

For Sale & Wanted



Free: Rohn 40 ft. tower, a TA-33 with all the cables and an Isopole 2 meter vertical. It is about 7 ft. tall with about 3 to 5 db gain omnidirectional. All these items I will give to any ambitious Ham who will help me take this all down. I am 76 years old and have been a Ham for 51 years and will be moving from Fort Wayne to Florida this spring/summer.

For Sale: Ham III rotator in excellent condition, \$75

Contact Bill Gibbons, W9KBV, 489-4193, Cell is 602-4264, w9kbv@msn.com

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For Sale: 40 ft. galvanized antenna tower. \$1 / foot, What's a fair price ?

Contact: Bob, rmreed@access4less.net

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For Sale:

- 1 - 48 ft Rohn tower, free standing
- 1 - Ham IV rotor and control
- 1 - Summer DJ2UT multiband antenna (10-40 meter)
- 1 - Alpha Delta twin sloper antenna (40-80 meter) (new - never used)
- 1 - Chushcraft 2 meter beam antenna
- 1 - 60-75 ft rotor control cable
- 3 - 60-75 ft coax cable (RG-8)

Tower and antennas are still assembled and standing. Buyer would have to disassemble.

The above items to be sold as a complete package.

Contact Lloyd Dawson <wolfshadow10@comcast.net>

ECHO LINK Info

ECHO LINK NODE:

maintained by: KB9RLW
 Simplex Frequency: 145.700 FM only
 Node number: 16686
 Random connection: dial "00"
 Hang up or disconnect: dial "#"
 Identify: dial "*"

Membership Application for ☐ FWRC - and/or - ☐ ACARTS

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____-4 Phone #: (____) _____-_____ Unlisted? ☐ Yes

Email address: _____ ARRL Member? ☐ Yes

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$6.00/yr. premium.

How would you like your newsletter delivered? ☐ by snail mail ☐ download from web site.

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership ☐ \$15.00 / year
 Family membership ¹ ☐ \$21.00 / year
 Student membership ² ☐ \$6.00 / year
 Associate membership ³ ☐ \$15.00 / year
 Mailed newsletter ☐ \$6.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

Regular membership ☐ \$12.00 / year
 Additional family members ¹ ☐ \$6.00 / year
 Student membership ² ☐ \$6.00 / year
 Associate membership ³ ☐ \$6.00 / year
 (New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.

2. K-12 or full time student

3. unlicensed member

4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail

Please attach a check (number _____) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

Fort Wayne Radio Club
 PO Box 15127
 Fort Wayne, IN 46885

A.C.A.R.T.S.
 PO Box 10342
 Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club. **Payment by check is strongly encouraged!**

ACARTS Voice Repeaters

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority
 147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority*
 443.800 (+) General use

(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)

144.390 (s) APRS - wide

Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

Voice: 146.76 (-) General use
 146.94 (-) General use with autopatch
 146.91 (-) Autopatch only
 444.875 (+) General use
 ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

IMO: meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. (2330 UTC) on 146.88
Auburn: meets Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 6 p.m. (2300 UTC) on 147.36(+)

21 Repeater Group: meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

Helping Hands Net: Mondays @ 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)

Miscellaneous Nets

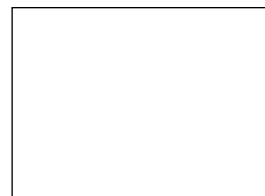
Huntington ARES: Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

Whitley Co. / ARES: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

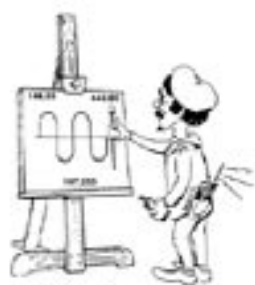
Whitley Co. Sunday: Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

Six Meter AM net (informal): Every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 p.m. on 50.580 MHz.

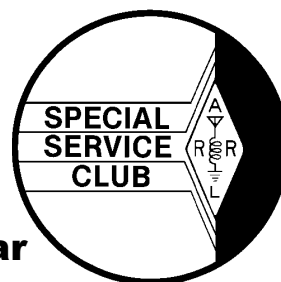
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Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
4/13/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Turnstone Center
4/16/04	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
4/20/04	7:00 PM	ACARTS Spring Banquet	Ryan's Steakhouse
4/24/04	9:00 AM	Technician Class study session	Boy Scout office
5/3/04	6:30 PM	foxhunt	offtrack betting lot, Wash. Ctr. & SR 3
5/7/04		deadline for May ACHN items	
5/11/04	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
5/11/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Turnstone Center
5/18/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Turnstone Center
5/21/04	6:30 PM	FWRC Spring Banquet	GSUMC
6/8/04	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
6/8/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Turnstone Center